

## **Press Release**

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## Agency Responds to Sewage Overflow, Monitors Sanitation Districts Throughout Sonoma County

(Penngrove, CA) —The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) responded to a sewage overflow that occurred today near its Penngrove lift station located on Ely Road. Recent heavy rains caused the overflow.

According to weather forecasts, rain will continue to fall throughout the night and the rest of the week, keeping Agency staff on alert for any future possible sanitation or flood situations.

Agency staff will be working through the night to monitor flow levels into sanitation districts throughout Sonoma County. In addition, the Agency is monitoring sewer pipelines that may be in jeopardy due to mud slides.

Crew members reported that the sewage overflowed from a manhole near the Penngrove lift station and a nearby tributary of Lichau Creek. The Agency notified biologists who monitor the creek for any impacts to fish and wildlife.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Office of Emergency Services, the Sonoma County Environmental Health Department, the California Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Services were notified of the overflow.

Visit the Agency Web site (www.sonomacountywater.org) for updated flood and sanitation management information.

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